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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 348
By Graves

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Elaine Fite on the
occasion of her retirement from Gallatin High
School.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those
outstanding Tennesseans who in their years of work have performed with the utmost devotion
and ability; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Fite is most assuredly one such extraordinary educator who is richly
deserving of the commendation of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fite is retiring after thirty years of teaching United States History in
Sumner County, twenty-six of those years spent teaching at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished scholar, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree from
Tennessee State University and her M.Ed. from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Fite has taught with energy, enthusiasm, creativity, humor, and
above all, love; she has instilled an understanding of America's history and values into the

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minds of her students and fostered in their hearts a love of their family's, as well as their country's, heritage; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious tenure at Gallatin High School, Mrs. Fite has served with countless school programs, dedicating her time and considerable talents in support of her students, her peers, and the school which she has so ably served; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, she has been selected, by her students, as being the most admired faculty member and as having the most school spirit; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Fite is the beloved wife of "Chief" Jimmy Fite of Murfreesboro and the loving mother of two sons, Jim Payne and Robert Payne, the grandmother of Luke, and the proud mother-in-law of Jennifer and Sarah; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Mrs. Fite plans to spend her new found leisure time with her husband, her family, and her friends; and

WHEREAS, She epitomizes the gracious beauty, charm, elegance, and style of the classic Southern lady with her silver halo, her sparkling blue eyes, and her interesting wardrobe; and

WHEREAS, Professionals of Elaine Fite's eminent stature do not often walk among us; her many innovative ideas and programs for the classroom and beyond, her stalwart dedication to the precepts of quality education, and the sheer delight she takes in the personal relationships she has with her students and her peers, all combine to make her an extraordinary educator, public servant, and human being; and

WHEREAS, For 26 exemplary years, Mrs. Fite has served the administration, faculty and the students of Gallatin High School with distinction; she is beloved by a host of family and friends, as well as two generations of students; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her students, and colleagues alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize Elaine Fite on the occasion of her retirement from Gallatin High School, salute her excellent career as an educator, commend her years of diligent service to the citizens of this State, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for much continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.